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SPORT AND RECREATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council note the contents of the report.

INTRODUCTION:

This report provides Cairns Regional Council with a summary of the sport and recreation planning projects, the status of implementing these plans and other precincts.

BACKGROUND:

A previous update on this topic was provided at the 22 May 2008 SACCS meeting. Furthermore, the respective projects have also been considered by Council at various stages since 2008.

COMMENT:

A summary of the actions completed since May 2008 is outlined below. Also included are the priority actions within the next six years and an overall cost summary.

All timelines for "Priority Actions" are indicative only and are subject to future Council budget deliberations and in some instances, external funding application success.

Smithfield Sporting Precinct	
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Smithfield Leisure and Aquatic Centre feasibility study completed and adopted by Council in August 2010. ▪ Marlin Coast Swimming Pool and Recreation Centre leases/contracts have been synchronised. ▪ Area leased to Surf Lifesaving Queensland for construction of an operations hub.
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2014/15 detailed design of precinct (excluding buildings) from master plan, ie pathways, carparking, fitness trail, lighting etc. ▪ 2015-2017 staged implementation of above commences.
Overall cost summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$12.85 million * Smithfield Leisure and Aquatic Centre ▪ \$6.77 million # Balance of master plan (excluding buildings) <p>* Note: 2010 Quantity Surveyor cost estimate based on concept design only. # Note: 2007 Quantity Surveyor cost estimate based on master plan.</p>

Redlynch Community Sports Facility (St Andrews Catholic College)	
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2007 master plan identifying development of sport and recreation facilities for the community and school use. ▪ 2009 Council and State Government funded implementation of 2 x multi-purpose courts, 2 x rectangular sporting fields, amenities building and car parking. ▪ Council and St Andrew's entered into a management agreement for joint management of the facilities. ▪ A Board comprising of representatives from Council, St Andrews and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cairns has responsibility for the executive and strategic management of the facilities, in accordance with the management agreement. ▪ An advisory committee has been established by the Board to undertake the administrative and operational duties relating to the facilities, in accordance with agreed terms of reference. The advisory committee comprises a collective of Council officers, the divisional councillor, the school principal, facilities manager and two (2) community representatives. ▪ 2011 lighting to one sports field installed, funded by Council and State Government via grant programme.
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Land acquisition in line with Plan for Trunk Infrastructure (<i>currently indicated as 2021 in schedule but to be determined as part of strategic land acquisition plan</i>). ▪ Master plan area including land acquired (<i>timing to be determined in line with land acquisition timing</i>).
Cost summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$12.32 million * master plan implementation ▪ TBC – land acquisition <p>Note: based on estimates only from 2007 master plan.</p>

Manunda Sporting Precinct	
Actions completed	<p><i>North Behan Street:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master plan adopted by Council, May 2009. ▪ Unformed road within precinct closed to allow for infrastructure to be developed. ▪ Upgrades completed on AFL field to make area playable for 2009 AFL Masters National Carnival. The cost of this project to Council was \$36,050, with AFL Cairns providing considerable additional spend/labour to achieve a mutually beneficial result. ▪ Sealing of internal road, cost \$15,000. ▪ Preliminary design of area finalised in 2011, in consultation with lessees. ▪ Funding application to construct stage 1 (development of unused area for soccer and cricket) approved by Queensland Government, to commence in 2012. <p><i>Endeavour Park:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master plan adopted by Council May 2010. ▪ Unformed road closure and acquisition of trustee land from Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM,) to allow for expansion of fields to west. ▪ Completed works:

Manunda Sporting Precinct	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Formal car parking and road at southern end of Endeavour Park, along Cannon Street, cost \$995,000. ○ Covering of drain and improving access/car parking along MacDonnell Street, east of Endeavour Park, cost \$1.757 million. <p><i>Precinct wide:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Precinct coordination group established with the aim to meet bi-annually. The first meeting held in October 2011, to meet 2 or 3 times per year. ▪ Leases negotiated and in the process of being renewed to reference the revised areas determined in the master plan.
Priority actions	<p><i>North of Behan Street:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2012/13 implementation of stage one – upgrade unused area designated for cricket/soccer and AFL/cricket area, as per preliminary design. ▪ 2016/17 implementation of next stage – upgrade of rugby/cricket area, as per preliminary design. <p><i>Endeavour Park:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2012/13 scoping and detailed design in line with master plan. ▪ 2012/13 upgrade critical playing areas that are a safety issue. ▪ 2013/14 & 2015/16 staged implementation of above.
Cost summary	<p><i>North of Behan St:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$6.67 million <p>Note: cost estimate as at July 2011, includes items responsible by lessees (eg lighting) up to \$1.88 million.</p> <p><i>Endeavour Park:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$4.747 million <p>Note: cost estimate as at May 2010, based on master plan.</p>

Barlow Park	
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Upgrade lighting on main field, based on detailed design. ▪ Upgrade car park, based on detailed design. <p><i>Note: Cairns Rectangular Stadium Needs Study underway and may potentially impact on future infrastructure planning and implementation.</i></p>
Cost summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$3.2 million # Lighting upgrade. ▪ \$2.64 million # Car park upgrade. <p># Note: cost estimate based on detailed design, quantity surveyor not available at this time.</p>

Edmonton Sport and Recreation Facility Needs Study	
Actions completed	<p><i>Field sports:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Acquisition of land (19ha) in Walker Road, Edmonton. ▪ Development approval received for indoor centre and preliminary approval for balance of land. ▪ Use of Education Queensland (EQ) land adjacent to Petersen Park (purchase, lease, trustee) pursued since early 2008 (ongoing). ▪ Continued discussions with schools about use of facilities by community groups.

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	<p><i>Indoor and aquatic facilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location and mix of facilities determined via Edmonton Multi-purpose and Aquatic Centre feasibility study, completed and adopted by Council in December 2009. ▪ Various funding applications submitted for stage 1 implementation were unsuccessful. ▪ Funding for stage 1 now secured via Queensland Government and Abu Dhabi cyclone shelter funding, as well as the Federal Government's Better Regions funding programme. ▪ Detailed design of stage 1 close to completion. <p><i>Difficult to locate sports:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolution by Council in 2010 to pursue land in Thomson Road, adjacent to existing speedway precinct, however, the land owner advised the land is currently not for sale. ▪ Council formally written to Tablelands Regional Council (TRC) and Cairns Kart Racing Club to advise that a regional motor sport (and difficult to locate sports) precinct will be pursued collaboratively with TRC at a mutually agreed time and no earlier than 2012. Subsequent discussion with TRC officers.
Priority actions	<p><i>Field sports:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Progress MCU process to allow senior sporting group use at Petersen Park, Edmonton and lighting to the second field. ▪ 2010/11 money allocated to install lights on second field at Petersen Park. ▪ 2010/11 Walker Road scoping and preliminary design, 2014/15 detailed design. ▪ Advocate for the most advantageous outcome for Council in relation to the Education Queensland land adjacent to Petersen Park, ie transferred to Council as trustee land at no cost. ▪ Continue dialogue with schools with respect to use of facilities by community groups. ▪ 2015-2017 staged development of Walker Road for field sports. <p><i>Indoor and aquatic facilities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Determine tenure and management of centre for stage 1. ▪ 2014/15 detailed design of aquatic facilities ▪ 2015-2017 implementation of aquatic facilities ▪ 2016/17 decommission Edmonton pool <p><i>Difficult to locate sports:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011/12, collaborate with TRC to find a suitable location for a regional motor sport precinct.
Cost summary	<p><i>Walker Road sporting precinct:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$17.2 million (2008 indicative cost based on concept design, not quantity surveyor cost.) <p><i>Edmonton Leisure Centre and Aquatic Centre:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refer Project Services report re Stage 1: 2 indoor courts, change

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	rooms and multi purpose spaces <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$5.78 million* Stage 2: aquatic components ▪ \$2.37 million* Stage 3: health and fitness studio ▪ \$3.16 million* Stage 4: additional 2 courts <p>* Note: 2009 Quantity Surveyor cost estimate based on concept design only.</p>
Alley Park Sporting Precinct	
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Trustee reserve purposes corrected to reflect actual and planned use. ▪ Cairns Plan zoning changed to reflect correct use. ▪ Land adjacent to Bruce Highway secured from State Government at no cost to Council.
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2014/15 scoping and preliminary design of staged master plan in consultation with the sporting community and other stakeholders. ▪ Resolution of land tenure with DERM for a number of parcels adjacent to Bruce Highway.
Cost summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ \$7.422 million (note: 2006 preliminary budget allowances based on master plan only, not quantity surveyor cost.)
Port Douglas Sports Precinct	
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Awaiting advice from State Government regarding funding application submitted for lighting to AFL/cricket oval and cricket nets.
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011/12, install lighting to AFL/cricket oval and other areas, subject to funding application. ▪ Undertake master plan of precinct (timing TBC).
Trinity Beach Sports Precinct	
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undertake master plan of precinct (timing TBC).
North Cairns Sporting Reserve	
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cairns International Tennis Centre completed. ▪ Cairns Hockey Association revised lease.
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2012/13 undertake Pools Strategy which will include future facility requirements of Tobruk Pool.
Aeroglen Reserve (Touch Park)	
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Extension of Touch Association's tenure of land to north for expansion of playing fields. ▪ Basic improvements to the fields in this area to allow for use.
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2011/12 prepare site management plan to address safety issues. ▪ 2011-2017 upgrade critical playing areas that are a safety issue.
Skate Park & BMX Facilities Strategy	
Actions completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategy underway
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any infrastructure actions to be determined from strategy.

Other Sports	
Priority actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage and work with regional sports bodies and associations to prepare strategic plans for the development of their sport and facilities to support this development.

Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan 2010- 2015	
Key achievements	<p>Strategic Plan completed and adopted by Council in July 2010.</p> <p><i>Outcome 1: Planning to meet current and future recreation needs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Refer above for major precinct actions completed and outstanding actions. ▪ Cairns Rectangular Stadium Needs Study underway. ▪ Service regions defined around precincts with the additional resource of the part State Government funded Sport and Recreation Coordinator position. <p><i>Outcome 2: Sustainable and diverse provision of recreation opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fees and charges and tenure arrangements in process of being reviewed internally before consulting with stakeholders. <p><i>Outcome 3: Supporting nature based recreation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lifeguard contract renewed to reflect recommendations within the strategic plan. The new agreement builds on the previous agreements with a commitment by both parties to explore a future alliance model whereby costs can be minimised through operational synergies, third party sponsorship and advocacy for State Government and Federal funding. ▪ Community gardens on Council land established in Port Douglas and Edmonton. <p><i>Outcome 4: Contributing to the social, physical and economic health of our communities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enhancing the Active Living Programme at the Cairns Esplanade and Active Games in Parks. ▪ Fenced dog off leash areas established in local parks in Smithfield and Earlville.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Corporate and Operational Plans:

Linkages to Corporate and Operational Plans were made and identified for each study in previous reports.

Statutory:

There are no statutory requirements associated with this particular report. Links to any requirements were made and identified for each study in previous reports.

Policy:

Linkages to Council policies were considered and identified for each study in previous reports.

Financial and Risk:

Indicative costs have been identified in the comments section and are reflected in Council's capital works programme. The majority of projects are eligible for State Government funding and some Federal Government funding programmes. In addition, opportunities for partnerships towards capital funding private entities will be explored.

Sustainability:

Not applicable for this report. A sustainability assessment was completed in previous reports to Council.

A Council committed to continual improvement of existing and future facilities is a sustainable step in meeting the range of community demands for sport and recreation opportunities and facilities.

CONSULTATION:

As outlined in previous reports to Council.

OPTIONS:

That Council note the contents of the report.

CONCLUSION:

This report provides Cairns Regional Council with a summary of the sport and recreation planning projects and the status of implementing these plans.

ATTACHMENTS:

Nil

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